

## SCARCITY OF LABOR

Railroads Find It Hard to Secure Workingmen.

## PROBLEM FOR SHORT LINE

VICE PRESIDENT BANCROFT SAYS WORK MUST WAIT.

He Has Been Unable to Get Needed Ballasting Done on the Main Line—The Completion of the St. Anthony Branch Also Delayed—Men Prefer Farm Work.

W. H. Bancroft, vice president and general manager of the Oregon Short Line, and General Superintendent B. E. Calvin of the same road are back from their tour of inspection. When seen yesterday, Mr. Bancroft said: "Our trip was one purely of inspection. We went over our main line through Idaho, accompanied by President Corbin, to attend the annual election of officers of the Oregon Railway & Navigation company, which will be held tomorrow. From Portland President Corbin will go to San Francisco, and then to New York."

Under inspection the Pacific and Idaho Northern. This road is building from Weiser to Seven Devils, and about twenty miles have been completed. We were the guests of President P. P. Shelby. The track is well laid and ballasted, the grade is fine and the ties good. The road will probably be finished to Seven Devils on time.

"The greatest difficulty that confronts me at present is that of securing labor. It certainly looks as if nobody wanted work, and the problem is becoming a serious one. I wanted to ballast about sixty-five miles on our main line, but have been unable to get the men to do the work. Unless the labor can be secured, this work will have to go over until next season, for we cannot work after the first of November in the high altitude. Recently we started twenty-eight men from Ogden to Montpelier. When Montpelier was reached there were only four left of the number that started. We can't get men to work, although we are paying from \$2 to \$2.50 a day. I can't understand it, unless the country is so prosperous that everybody has plenty of money, and yet there are lots of longhairs to be seen on the street corners."

"Possibly the trouble may be that so many men are engaged in haymaking at present. We may be able to get some of this labor when the farming season is over, but that will be too late. I am afraid, to permit of the completion of the work that has been planned."

"This scarcity of labor is causing me some trouble with the St. Anthony branch. Fifteen miles of the line is ready for ballasting, but the work is not being done. The whole branch is practically graded. There is really nothing to prevent the laying of the steel the entire length of the line, but the men have not been finished by the time they are gotten there. This is the situation, and again the question of labor is the confronting problem that must be solved, for unless labor can be secured the work on the road cannot be done. I hope that the road will be completed by Oct. 15, but if it is not, I feel confident that we will get the line to St. Anthony in time to handle the fall produce of that section."

## NEW RAILROAD FOR DENVER.

Articles of Incorporation Filed With Secretary of State.

Denver, Colo., Sept. 5.—The Cripple Creek Railroad company filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state today. The company proposes to build a railroad from Canon City to Cripple Creek, and to connect with the direct route to Denver. The enterprise is backed by New York and Boston capitalists, and the local firm of Benedict & Phelps.

The incorporators are George H. Proctor, James D. Benedict, Alfred C. Phelps, Walter R. White and Joseph D. Proctor, all of Denver.

The directors are George D. James of the Santa Fe Railroad company, Edward E. Swift of the firm of C. L. Smith & Co., Charles E. Bennett of Wheeling, W. Va.; Theodore P. Brett of Marshall, Field & Co., Chicago; Henry R. Womble of the firm of Putney & Rydell, bankers, New York City; Watson R. Brown, banker of New York City; A. H. Crocker of the Santa Fe railroad, and George H. Proctor.

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## WILL SURVEY IMMEDIATELY.

Rapid Transit Will Push Its Extension From Murray to Sandy.

John S. Cameron, president of the Salt Lake Rapid Transit company, states yesterday that his company would begin immediately the preliminary survey of the line from Murray to Sandy, a distance of five and a half miles. This is the extension of the Rapid Transit line from Murray, for which it was recently granted a franchise by the county commissioners. President Cameron said that the survey was finished the other week necessary for the building of the extension would begin. He also said that he expected the franchise would prove satisfactory to his company. As yet he has not been furnished with a copy of the plat stated that he knew what it contained. Beyond this President Cameron had nothing further to say in connection with the building of the line.

## SPECIAL RATES.

Rio Grande Western Will Make Single Fare For Its Excursions.

The Rio Grande Western is making special rates for the several excursions which it proposes to run to Salt Lake City and the towns to which they desire to visit the Salt Palace. A rate of one single fare for the round trip to Salt Lake City has been authorized.

Tickets will be sold at Ogden, Silver City, Mammoth and all intermediate points on Sept. 8, limited to Sept. 10; on Sept. 13, limited to Sept. 17; on Sept. 20, limited to Sept. 24. Tickets will be sold at Park City, Brigham, all points on the Sanpete and Sevier branch, and all points east of Thistle to Cleve, inclusive, on Sept. 24, limited to Sept. 18. All tickets must bear a going transit limit of date of sale.

## A PROPOSED CUT-OFF.

The Union Pacific Will Shorten the Distance From Evanston to Leroy.

(Special Correspondence.)

Choyene, Wyo., Sept. 4.—President Burt, General Manager Edward Dickinson, Chief Engineer Berry and other officials of the Union Pacific railroad are in the city last evening on route to Omaha from a trip of inspection over the Wyoming division. While out west the gentlemen inspected the route of the proposed cut-off from Evanston to Leroy. This new piece of work, which has already commenced, will necessitate the building of about twenty-five miles

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Creditors of Henry L. Steed, residing at Brigham City, filed a protest in the petition for discharge from further liability for his debts. In support of the protest, Steed's creditors allege, that when he sought protection of the bankruptcy act he made no payment of any of his debts, and that he was a fraudulent debtor, when, in fact, he was not his creditor. It is also alleged that the Steed's creditors, who are numerous, are being defrauded by the Steed's fraudulent acts.

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The services consisted of readings of selections from the regular morning service, responsive psalms and readings from the scroll. Several delightful musical features again proved to be a very attractive feature of the service.

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